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Answer Of Loyal Members

Within a short time a rival group of pickets appeared in a demonstration termed by I.L.A. officials as "an answer by loyal members to the Communist-inspired picket line."

Police kept the groups apart until the 2,000 longshoremen made their charge.

The showdown Monday, planned for 48 hours, ended after five hours when longshoremen ejected the demonstrators without violence or injury. The 38 claimed they were longshoremen and that their demonstration was spontaneous. However, their move was accompanied by mass picketing of the building, the marchers chanting protests against "Jim Crowism" on the waterfront.

Joseph P. Ryan, I.L.A. international president, said the demonstrations resulted from a dispute between the I.L.A. and Local 968 of the union in Brooklyn.

Big 4 Meet Seems Headed For Inconclusive Wind-Up

PARIS (UP)—The American, British and French Foreign Ministers met today to map further western strategy at the Big Four meeting on Germany, which appeared to be staggering toward an inconclusive wind-up.

The Western Ministers conferred at the French Foreign Office shortly before the afternoon meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers, the first non-secret meeting since last Thursday.

Te West, along with Andre Vishinsky of Russia, agreed Monday to abandon secret sessions after proposals on details of the unification of Berlin had been presented by Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Vishinsky.

Neither of the proposals presented Monday was made public. But informed sources said the Soviet paper represented little change in Vishinsky's original insistence on a revived four-power Kommandatura for Berlin, with veto voting rights.

French sources were more pessimistic than at any time since the council opening May 23 over the chances of the four

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The settlement was accepted by the company and the C.C.C.L. during the week-end. It calls for a 10-cent-an-hour increase in pay over the present basic rate of 85 cents, retroactive to last Jan. 1.

The St. Remi workers were part of a general asbestos workers' walkout of 5,000 men which has tied up mines in the "serpentine belt" since Feb. 13 over—practically the same demands of the miners.

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Peace Reigns For The Moment In Shadow Of Violence

Peace and hostility are depicted in this scene in Paris where a mother wheels her baby in its carriage near the Ministry of Finance building, in front of which are stacked rifles. Because of an impending strike of workers of the ministry, French police and riot squads were placed on the alert and their weapons were kept handy in case of need. —(S.N.S. Photo)

Alberni Taken To Safety Cove By Two Fishing Boats

PRINCE RUPERT (CP)—Twenty-seven seamen of the lighthouse tender Alberni are "safe and well" at Safety Cove following beaching of the tender on Clark Point, Calvert Island, after she had struck Canoe Rocks early Monday morning.

The vessel was taken there under tow of the fish packers China Hat and Klatawa from the scene of the wreck, 50 miles northwest of the tip of Vancouver Island.

The R.C.A.F. in Vancouver said it had been in contact with the tender and that every man aboard had escaped without a scratch.

First word of the distressed vessel came from Bull Harbor in a relayed SOS which read: "Alberni grounded. Canoe Rocks. Leaking badly. Require immediate assistance."

The two rescue ships were rushed to her aid but air force assistance was not required.

The Alberni, a converted coal barge owned by the Department of Transport, was returning from Egg Island where it had carried relief supplies for the building of a damaged light house.

She is skippered by Capt. Joseph Peterson.

Claire Wallace Injured In Fall

SYDNEY, Australia (CP)—Claire Wallace, Toronto radio commentator who fell and broke her left hip in Melbourne last Friday, is reported to be resting comfortably.

Miss Wallace, making a quick tour of Australia centres when she was injured, has been moved from the Royal Melbourne Hospital, where she is expected to undergo an operation to set the hip. The operation will keep her at St. Evins for about six weeks.

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Senate Committee Urges Unanimous Pact Ratification

By JOHN L. STEELE

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today unanimously urged ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty, in a report declaring it would give the President no new authority to use American troops without congressional consent.

The committee called on the Senate to ratify the anti-aggression treaty because, it said, "one great power" and its satellite states are jeopardizing world peace.

"That power and its fifth columns in other countries," the committee said, "have sought to prevent the establishment of peace."

In view of that, the committee added, the pact is essential.

The committee answered "no" to questions which had been raised by various senators as to whether the pact would give a President any new powers to use American armed might without first asking Congress.

Argentina Ratios Coal

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter)—Argentina, suffering an acute coal shortage, is to revert to wartime electrical power rationing June 10, under a decree issued Monday.

Stores must close early and street lighting and window displays will be cut.

Woman Elected Head Christian Scientist

BOSTON (AP)—Miss Emma C. Shipman of Brookline, Mass., Monday was elected president of the Mother Church of the Christian Science Church at the annual meeting of the board of directors.

Several thousand church members attended the annual meeting of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

In an address to the members of the Mother Church, the Christian Science board of directors noted a world-wide stir in human consciousness toward discarding the material for the spiritual.

Craft Goes Under Off Puerto Rico Within 6 Minutes

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—A charter plane crashed and sank in the Atlantic early today with a possible loss of 45 of the 73 persons aboard, the United States Coast Guard announced here.

The Coast Guard statement said 28 of those aboard had been rescued almost six hours after the crash. The bodies of two adults and a child were recovered.

The airline's agents in San Juan said those aboard included 53 adults, 10 children between two and 11 years of age, five children under two and five crew members.

The agent said all the passengers were Puerto Ricans.

The plane developed engine trouble and crashed into the sea 10 minutes after it had left San Juan airport. It sank within six minutes.

Twenty-six of the survivors swam to small islands and reefs, and crews of rescue craft braved death in the churning and treacherous seas to pick them off and carry them to the mainland.

Two were plucked from the water. The known survivors include both adults and children.

Planes, Ships Quickly Called

All available United States Coast Guard, air force, army and navy planes and ships in the vicinity were called into the search for possible survivors, bodies and the exact location of the sunken plane.

Large surface craft could not get in among the dangerous rocks and reefs that dot the sea. Although there were 73 persons aboard the two-engine C-46, 15 of them were children, and this may have made the total weight within the 10,000 pounds cargo capacity of these planes.

One of the passengers, Juan Rivera, Leon, 31, gave this account of the crash:

"The people were nervous, due to the great number aboard, even from the start. As soon as the plane crashed I started passing life jackets around. There were more than 60 available plus five life rafts. However, no rafts could be inflated in time so none was used. I passed around only 17 jackets."

He said many of the passengers were afraid to leave the plane and go into the water.

"I stayed till the water was to my knees, then dived," he said, adding that at that time over half the passengers still were aboard.

Report 26 Dead In Crash Of Brazilian Army Plane

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)—Reports from Florianopolis said 26 persons were killed Monday when a Brazilian army transport plane crashed into a mountain soon after taking off.

The air ministry here said wreckage of the plane, a C-47, was located near Cambirela Peak and rescue parties were rushed to the scene.

Cripps' Policy On Wages Wins Support Of Party Members

BLACKPOOL, Eng. (CP)—Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, today won backing from the Labor Party for his policy of holding wages at existing levels.

Sir Stafford defended his policy of high taxes and no increase in wages at the party's annual convention.

After he had spoken, the conference rejected by an overwhelming majority a resolution by the Constructional Engineering Union asking the government to remove restrictions on wage boosts.

Sir Stafford, who has been called the "Iron Chancellor" because of his stern economic policies, said:

"Let us face the situation, not as we should like it to be, but as it is. You cannot possibly find any solution to our present problems by juggling with money, incomes or finances or fiscal measures."

"We need, and must have, more and more efficient production if we are to solve our difficulties without loss of standards."

Weather Forecast
Clear today and Wednesday; light winds, little change in temperature. Low tonight, 47; high Wednesday, 70.

Lincoln Scratches
First Race—Rosily, Double Moose, Deltoid.
Second Race—Fly Out, Sugar Beet, Compairiot.
Third Race—Resposition, Halcyon Duke.
Fourth Race—Lass Quest, Junior Wolf, Sangone, Graytown, Taters.
Eighth Race—Spring Gal, My Grace, Fighting Mac, Woodsman, Our Best, Count Quick.
Weather: clear, track fast.



Methods To Fix Arena Ceiling Tested

Members of City Council, headed by Acting Mayor Ed Williams, saw demonstrations today of two methods suggested for fixing fibrocrete sheets to the ceiling of the Memorial Arena. Most of them favored use of a powder-charged stud gun shown in action at the right. At the left a workman is drilling holes into the concrete for lead expansion-type bolts. This was considered too slow.

Rink Work Delayed As Floor Problem Arises

There was another set-back today in completing construction of Victoria's \$1,000,000 arena when pouring of the concrete floor was delayed at the last minute because ice pipes were not level.

It could not be determined who was responsible for the difficulty or when work on the floor will be started.

Walter Luney of Luney Brothers and Hamilton, contract-

ing company which holds the contract to finish the job under the supervision of Charles T. Hamilton, Vancouver consulting engineer employed by the city, told the Victoria Times:

"I expect to be paid for this delay. I am not in this business to entertain a bunch of people."

He made the statement during a demonstration for aldermen of methods suggested for fixing fibrocrete sheets coming loose from the rink's ceiling.

Engineer Checks Levels

The engineer was present at the demonstration after which he personally started checking levels of the refrigeration pipes. It was expected the City Council's arena committee will make a recommendation later in the day regarding the ceiling sheets and it might have the answer also for the floor problem.

The contractors said they had been given the signal to start pouring concrete at 10 this morning and had gone to a great deal of preparation for the job. But 30 minutes beforehand the consulting engineer told them the pipes were not right and not to start work.

"So I told crews we brought from New Westminster specially for the job to go sightseeing," Mr. Luney said.

Getting 'Fed Up' With Job

W. J. Hamilton, partner of Mr. Luney, was angry over the delay. He said he was getting "fed up" with the job.

He claimed the engineer last week had given his company orders to pour the floor this week but that apparently his instructions were based on incorrect information he had received from his representative on the job.

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VANCOUVER (CP)—Powerlines and boats suffered damage here Monday night as gale-force winds lashed the city. The storm gusts reached 50 miles an hour.

Power company "trouble shooters" worked all night repairing lines blown down by the raging wind. The fishboat Emplen was swept on a sandbar on the north shore while coming under the Lions Gate Bridge.

She was pounded for an hour before she was towed off by city police boat.

Lila Leeds Faces Another Charge

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Lila Leeds, the trim young blonde of the Robert Mitchum marijuana case, met up with an old friend again—trouble.

The 21-year-old actress is in the Beverly Hills jail today charged with being drunk in an auto.

Police Sgt. M. R. Sims said Lila and the two girl companions created a disturbance in a cafe Monday night and then fled when police were called.

She recently had her driver's license suspended for cracking up two expensive convertibles shortly after her release from serving a marijuana jail sentence.

Provincial Election Meetings Tonight

Provincial election campaign meetings at 8 tonight follow:

COALITION
Victoria—Central Junior High School, Education Minister W. T. Straith and D. J. Proudfoot, candidates.

Saanich—Lake Hill Hall, Mr. Straith and Arthur J. R. Ash, candidate.

Esquimalt—Sooke Community Hall, Agriculture Minister Frank Putnam, Mrs. Nancy Hodges and Cmdr. C. T. Beard, candidate.

C.C.F.
Victoria—Prince Robert House, C.C.F. provincial leader Harold E. Winch, and six greater Victoria candidates.

UNION OF ELECTORS
Victoria—1406 Douglas Street, Claude Wright, Oak Bay candidate, and W. J. Clark, Victoria candidate.

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A crew of 40 firefighters with two bulldozers is battling desperately to control a 100-acre blaze in the Cowichan Valley which is threatening a newly planted forest.

The blaze broke out Monday afternoon on the old Hillcrest Company's property. It is on Solly Creek, a tributary of the Cowichan River, 11 miles northwest of Duncan.

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Marchand said he had conferred with representatives of the Asbestos Corporation, Johnson Mines and Flintkote Ltd., Monday when the proposals were made.

The secretary of the C.C.C.L., with which Catholic syndicates of asbestos workers are affiliated,

said the proposals will be laid before a workers' meeting at Thetford Mines tomorrow night. More than 2,000 asbestos workers at Thetford Mines have been on strike since mid-February.

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The boys, Delbert Rosenberg, 10, Orville Patzwald, Bill Bower, 12, and Douglas Gurel, 11, were part of the beach-partying school midget baseball team.

Teacher Norton and helpers on the beach worked steadily to revive the boys after he had brought them ashore.

They apparently became panicked when the heavy surf pulled them out of their depth.

Weather forecasts again promised only clear skies and cooler air.

Monday in the area around London, farmers reported lack of moisture was beginning to tell on winter wheat and alfalfa crops.

In the central regions, agricultural observers said the damage could not be repaired now, even by heavy rain.

Sees Whole World Changing Enormously



RT. HON. JAN C. SMUTS

Swing In Far East Gravest Challenge

LONDON (UP)—Jan C. Smuts, former Premier of South Africa, said today he thought the east-west dispute was "a game of high politics."

He said there was no cause for grave concern "provided we are wide awake and do not go to sleep." He spoke at a press conference after his arrival for a brief visit.

"The world is changing enormously, and the greatest change is taking place in the Far East," he said. "The European is being expelled. I think that is the gravest situation in the world."

"It is the gravest for hundreds of years. In comparison, what is happening in the west is small potatoes."

Health Minister Bevan Elected As Labor Party Head

BLACKPOOL, Eng. (CP)—Health Minister Aneurin Bevan today topped the poll in the election of members of the British Labor Party's national executive.

He obtained 756,000 of the votes cast. Election is by majority out of the total party membership.

By topping the poll, Bevan, who is 51, showed he has lost none of his popularity with the mass of the Labor Party.

Philip Noel-Baker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary, and Richard Crossman, a member of the House of Commons who often has criticized the government's foreign policy, failed in their bids for election to the executive.

Tom Driberg, M.P., newspaperman and another of Foreign Secretary Bevin's critics, was elected in place of Harold Laski, former chairman of the party, who was not a candidate this year.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, headed the poll among the section for women members.

Others elected were: Michael Foot, M.P.; James Griffiths, Minister of National Insurance and chairman of the conference; Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council; Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Emanuel Shinwell, War Minister.

Chambers Told Lies Seven Times

NEW YORK (AP)—Whittaker Chambers admitted today he lied seven times before the federal grand jury which indicted Alger Hiss on two perjury counts.

Chambers, one-time courier for a prewar Soviet spy ring and star government witness in the trial of the former high State Department official, made the admission on his fourth day on the witness stand.

A few minutes previously Federal Judge Samuel H. Kaufman had said he found his trial testimony inconsistent with his grand jury testimony.

28 Known Saved In Worst Crash Off Puerto Rico

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Three big airplanes crashed during the last 24 hours, taking a heavy toll of life. With 47 feared dead in a crash off Puerto Rico, the toll reached 95.

Of 75 persons aboard the chartered plane that crashed off Puerto Rico 28 are reported to have been rescued.

Thirty-six persons were reported killed Monday in the crash of a Brazilian Army transport into a mountain in southern Brazil.

Twenty-two persons, including a Greek Army general, died Monday night in a crash in Greece, 17 miles north of Athens.

The air liner which crashed into the Atlantic off Puerto Rico early Tuesday was the second such plane within six months to meet disaster while en route to the United States from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

A San Juan-Miami plane vanished Dec. 28 about 50 miles off Miami. It had 32 passengers aboard. The search for the craft was abandoned early in January.

In another air mishap Tuesday, a jet-plane pilot was killed. His machine crashed near Hamilton Field, Calif., scraping a hilltop and then plowing through a large chicken house.

(See stories, page 3.)

Big Four Ministers Deadlocked On Berlin

PARIS (AP)—Russia and the western powers traded verbal blows at the four-power Foreign Ministers' meeting today and remained deadlocked on the Berlin issue. French sources said.

The session, which lasted nearly four hours, had been heralded in some quarters as a showdown on the Berlin question.

Informants said the top diplomats of the four occupying powers made little or no progress in their efforts to write an agreement for Berlin. Neither Russia nor the west, it was reported, showed signs of conceding the disputed points. The session was one of the longest in the current meetings here.

Since Monday each delegation has been studying two rival projects for restoring unity to Berlin.

One was submitted by State Secretary Acheson of the United States, the other by Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Russian Foreign Minister. Britain and France support the American proposal.

DRAFTS EXTENDED

Each plan was an elaboration of the drafts submitted by Acheson and Vishinsky Friday when the council went into closed session in the hope of working out a suitable compromise.

Russia and the west disagreed at the closed meetings.

Informed sources said the four ministers bogged down during the secret talks over the use of the veto in any four-power supervision of Berlin's city government.

Mayors Of Canada Planning To Tax Dominion Property

QUEBEC CITY (BUP)—The majority of Canada's mayors met here today and prepared plans to take from the federal government property taxes it has never before had to pay.

Some 500 delegates swung into

session at the annual conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities.

One of the main topics on their agenda was study of possible formation of an assessment commission whose members would appraise all tax-free government property from coast to coast. A resolution to that effect was scheduled for submission by a representative of Temiscaming, Que., and was expected to win unanimous approval.

At present, all government properties are tax exempt. The draft Temiscaming resolution suggested the federation ask the government to provide an assessment commission and work out tax rates on government-owned property.

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One Woman's Day

By NANCY HODGES

CHILDREN'S HERITAGE

WALKING ALONG Dallas Road a day or so ago, I was amused to see two small boys, evidently playing "hooky" from school in order to go fishing. They were seated by the side of the road, comparing eels in which was a wriggling mass of worms.

And as I watched them, unobserved, they were arguing as to the merits of the breakwater and some other spot as the most likely to produce results, with their home-made rods and tempting worms.

One of the couple, to prove his argument that the breakwater was the best bet, extended his arms to their fullest extent and exclaimed, "My dad's got 'em that big, hundreds of 'em." At which I went on my way rejoicing—convinced that here was a true Isaac Walton in miniature.

OUTSIDE BECKONS

AS I SNEAKILY condoned those little lads' truancy from school, I thought of all the other youngsters who are finding it harder than ever to concentrate on school tasks in these lovely days when the great outdoors beckons to them.

And I couldn't altogether blame those two urchins who had found the call to fish too strong for them. For children have been ever thus, as William Blake admitted when, 200 years ago, he wrote:

"But to go to school in a summer morn,
Oh, it drives all joy away!
Under a cruel eye outworn,
The little ones spend the day—
In sighing and dismay."

LOVELY SEASON

IN THIS PART of the world, the temptation to youngsters to play "hooky" must be almost irresistible. Here, right at their front door, they have beaches to play on, water to swim in, creeks and lakes to fish in, woods to explore on every hand. Nature has placed those perfect playgrounds in a setting unequalled for beauty anywhere, as I again discovered when I went out to Sidney one balmy evening last week.

Great masses of golden bloom dripped from the broom bushes which line the road in places. At Elk Lake, the fields that were once intended for a golf course have been taken over by marguerites which carpet them in white and gold. Farther on, a field of columbines, grown for seed purposes, provided another carpet of the most delicate colors to delight the eye.

PERFECT PANORAMA

EVERY TIME I LIFTED my eyes to the more distant vistas, I caught sight of white-topped mountain peaks, and lapis-lazuli waters glistening in the sun.

And I thought again what a part such surroundings must—even if unconsciously—play in any child's education. As someone—I have forgotten who—once expressed it:

"Every child should have mud-pies, grasshoppers, water-bugs, tadpoles, frogs, mud-turtles, elderberries, wild strawberries, acorns, chestnuts, trees to climb, brooks to wade in, water lilies, woodchucks, bats, bees, butterflies, animals to pet, hay fields, pine cones, rocks to roll, sand, snakes, huckleberries, and hornets; and any child who has been deprived of these has been deprived of the best part of his education."

THEIR HERITAGE

TOMORROW HAPPENS to be Children's Day in the United States, and when the announcement of it caught my eye, I recalled the last will and testament of an American named Charles Lounsbury, who died about a decade ago.

His name may not mean anything, even to many of his fellow-countrymen, but to me it brings back memories of his special bequest to children, which reads thus:

"I devise to children the banks of the brooks and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof, and the odors of the willows that dip therein, and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees. And I leave to them the long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the moon, and the train of the Milky Way to wonder at."

We in this beautiful province may consider ourselves blessed in that such a heritage is here at hand for the enrichment and enjoyment of every British Columbia youngster.

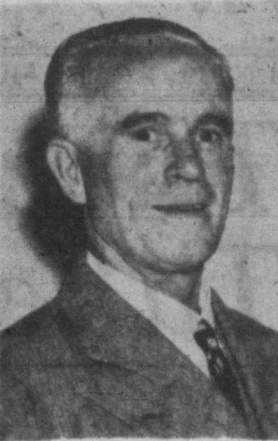
Victoria Voters To Choose 3 Of These 9 Candidates



HON. W. T. STRAITH



MRS. NANCY HODGES



D. J. PROUDFOOT

Above are pictured the three Coalition standard bearers for the June 15 provincial election. Mrs. Hodges and Mr. Straith, Minister of Education, are seeking re-election, while Mr. Proudfoot is seeking election to the seat held by former Premier John Hart.



MISS PHYLLIS WEBB



MRS. MAY CAMPBELL



MRS. A. P. RAYMENT

The C.C.F. has offered the above all-feminine slate. Miss Webb is a 1949 U.B.C. graduate and Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Rayment are housewives.



MRS. EDITH BELL



W. J. CLARK



MRS. DORIS LOUGHEED

A new group in provincial politics, the Union of Electors has named the three above candidates. The women are both listed as housewives and Mr. Clark is a hotel manager.

Beard Would Limit Sales Tax To Purchases Of Dollar And Over

Cmdr. C. T. Beard, Coalition candidates, went on record Monday as still being against the imposition of the three per cent sales tax on all purchases under one dollar.

Cmdr. Beard, speaking at a political meeting at View Royal, said he still held the same opinion as he did when the sales tax was introduced in the Legislature. He had then asked that all purchases under one dollar be exempt from the sales tax.

"Other than that—I'm all for it," said the candidate. "We have gone so far with our social services that we now have to find money to pay for them." He pointed out that by not exempting the sales tax on purchases under a dollar citizens on buying a series of small articles were actually paying between a six and seven per cent tax.

"I know it is said the tax is imposed on the manufacturers and producers," he said, "but we also know that if they are good businessmen they are going to make the purchaser pay for it. That is why I thought a dollar and under should be exempt from taxation."

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Cmdr. Beard went on to say that the tax as a whole was necessary.

"I get a little hot when I talk on this subject," said the candidate. "But you have got to have money to pay for your services. Furthermore, you have got to impose a system of taxation in which it will be impossible for people to get away from contributing towards these services—and there are many who would like to pay nothing and obtain the benefits derived from taxation."

Speaking on the highway at View Royal, Cmdr. Beard said he was aware the road was a bottleneck.

"But I'll be frank with you, it will remain so until Victoria and Saanich will give the necessary land," he added. "It is not a very wise thing for the Provincial government to take over from the municipalities."

The candidate asked if it was fair to ask the Provincial government to spend thousands of dollars on a road when it was going to build a highway alongside. He was referring to the proposed new outlet to the Malahat.

Cmdr. Beard said he felt more should be done to keep the roads in condition. "One often wonders why holes are not filled in," said the speaker. "There is no reason why an M.L.A. should have to carry a shovel in the back of his car to fill in the holes."

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Taxes On Mines Only 6 1/2% Of Dividends, Reports Neilson

Royalties and taxes on mining companies amount to only 6 1/2 per cent of the amount these companies pay in dividends, Martin Neilson, C.C.F. candidate in Saanich, told an election meeting Monday night in Temperance Hall, Keating.

Mr. Martin placed the value of royalties and taxes of mining companies at just over \$1,000,000 for one year. Yet the value of mineral products was well over \$70,000,000, he said.

He described the sums paid by the companies for use of the mineral resources as very little more than it costs to operate the mines department of the government.

"The net returns are so low," he said, "that in order to provide the necessary services, we are charged a 3 per cent tax."

Because the government refuses to charge full value for the use of the people's resources we must use part of our earnings to make up the difference."

Mr. Martin said that the Coalition insisted that B.C. could not have services without the sales tax and yet the Coalition promised additional services.

"They admit that the only method they are prepared to use is the sales tax," he said. "So the only way they can get additional funds is by increasing the tax to 4, 5 or 6 per cent. That is what you may expect if you re-elect the Coalition."

On the other hand, the C.C.F. would remove the tax on meals, clothing and household essentials, by getting more revenue from the natural resources of the province, he said.

REGINA (BUP)—The new president of the Saskatchewan Conference, United Church of Canada, is Rev. A. B. B. Moore of Saskatoon. He was elected at the final meeting of the convention in Regina Monday night. In adjourning the 25th session of the conference, Dr. Moore announced that next year's session will be held in Knox United Church, Saskatoon.

Says Franciscans Isolated In Palestine

NEW YORK (CP)—A Franciscan father has charged the Israeli government with having carried out a policy hostile to the interests of the Roman Catholic Church in Palestine, the New York Times says today in a dispatch from Rome.

The dispatch says the charge by Rev. Alberto Gori, who has the official title of "Custodian of the Holy Land," is contained in a report released Monday.

It adds that Father Gori reported the freedom of movement of members of religious orders has been prevented by the Israeli government. The Franciscan fathers in Galilee and Judea are said in the report to have been isolated since the start of the war in Palestine in May, 1948, and "are still isolated."

Election Issue Said Socialism, Freedom

The issue of the forthcoming provincial general election is creeping socialism and galloping socialism vs. freedom devoid of bureaucracy, Mrs. Edith Bell, Union of Electors candidate in Victoria, told an election meeting at 1406 Douglas Street Monday night.

Mrs. Bell said that only with a union of free electors can the hope of freedom be visualized. Mrs. Doris Loughheed, another Union of Electors candidate, added that there was no party for which a man could vote who holds strong opinions in favor of his liberty and against his enslavement.

"Henceforth," she said, "his fight, if one was waged at all, would have to be fought by individual men and women against all parties."

W. J. Clark, the third "electors" candidate in Victoria, said that in choosing party platforms electors had a choice similar to being shot or boiled in oil.

"No party has yet even pretended that it will give the masses of people the results they want," he said. "In fact the criterion of good government today seems to be the number of things they can force us to take which we don't want."

As an example he mentioned the 3 per cent sales tax.

Firemen Put Out Blaze At Plant On Industrial Reserve

City fire officials today were investigating the cause of a fire which Monday night caused several thousands of dollars damage to a section of the old Sweeney Cooperage Ltd. plant, in the centre of the Industrial Reserve.

Conveyer section of the plant, which feeds sawdust to the heating plant, was gutted by flames, which also spread to a large storage warehouse, where most of the damage was to stacks of fibrolock shingles and other stored articles.

Plant was acquired by the Sidney Roofing and Paper Co. Ltd. last year.

Work of the Victoria Fire Department was credited with keeping the fire from spreading.

When firemen arrived there was a big blaze, but they soon had it under control. Firemen were on the job from 9.17 to after midnight. The heating plant was not damaged.

Fire is believed to have started where the sawdust is fed to the conveyer system. Eleven persons telephoned the fire department when they saw flames shooting skywards. Two pumps and a service truck were sent to the scene.

Boy Of 9 Drowned In Shuswap River

ENDERBY, B.C. (CP)—Ronald Czepl, nine-year-old son of a railway worker, was drowned in the Shuswap River in sight of a crowd celebrating the King's birthday.

The boy fell off a log, part of a boom surrounding a swimming pool marked off for aquatic events. Ten-year-old Shirley McNair also fell from the log, but was recovered from the swift river.

Artificial respiration failed to revive Ronald after he had been pulled from the water.

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Jet Pilot Killed In Arizona Crash

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif. (AP)—A jet-plane pilot from the U.S. Air Force base at Williams, Ariz., was killed today in a spectacular crash four miles north-east of here.

The plane scraped the top of a low hill, about three miles from the take-off point and plowed through a 125-foot chicken house. The chicken house exploded and burned, destroying some 2,000 chickens.

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47 Missing, Feared Dead In Crash Off Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

—A plane jammed with Puerto Rican men, women and children bound for the United States crashed in the Atlantic early today and 47 persons are missing and feared dead.

Officials said 75 persons, including a crew of five Americans, were aboard the two-motored C-46 plane. The United States Coast Guard reported 28 known survivors.

Nineteen of the passengers were small children or infants, and 19 were women. The plane left San Juan a few minutes after midnight and two minutes later radioed back requesting permission to make an emergency landing. Then nothing more was heard from it. Officials said apparently it had trouble gaining altitude because of an adverse wind.

Twenty-six of the survivors swam to small islands and reefs, and crews of rescue craft braved death in the churning and treacherous seas to pick them off and carry them to the mainland. Two were plucked from the water.

The known survivors include both adults and children. The plane, en route to Newark, N.J., via Miami, was operated by Sfrato Freight Inc., a charter service with headquarters at Bradley Field, Near Windsor Locks, Conn.

Capt. D. H. Dexter, in charge of the Coast Guard base at San Juan, said the plane was unable to return to the San Juan airport when the engine trouble developed, and it crash-landed 150 yards off Point Salinas. The point is four miles west of here, on the north coast of Puerto Rico.

Planes, Ships Quickly Called

All available United States Coast Guard, air force, army and navy planes and ships in the vicinity were called into the search for possible survivors, bodies and the exact location of the sunken plane, AC-46.

Large surface craft could not get in among the dangerous rocks and reefs that dot the sea. One of the passengers, Juan Rivera Leon, 31, gave this account of the crash:

"The people were nervous, due to the great number aboard, even from the start. As soon as the plane crashed I started passing life jackets around. There were more than 60 available plus five life rafts. However, no rafts could be inflated in time so none was used. I passed around only 17 jackets."

He said many of the passengers were afraid to leave the plane and go into the water.

Report 26 Dead In Crash Of Brazilian Army Plane

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)

—Reports from Florianopolis said 26 persons were killed Monday when a Brazilian army transport plane crashed into a mountain soon after taking off.

The air ministry here said wreckage of the plane, a C-47, was located near Cambirelas Peak and rescue parties were pushed to the scene.

The plane was on normal transport service, carrying both army personnel and civilians between Rio de Janeiro and the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

Florianopolis, a coast city, is 480 miles southwest of Rio de Janeiro.

Alberni Taken To Safety Cove

PRINCE RUPERT (CP)—

Twenty-seven seamen of the lighthouse tender Alberni are "safe and well" at Safety Cove following beaching of the tender on Clark Point, Calvert Island, after she had struck Canoe Rocks early Monday morning.

Reservists, Cadets Back From Cruise Aboard Training Ship



Victoria and Port Alberni sea cadets get together aboard H.M.C.S. Sault Ste. Marie to discuss their weekend voyage. Left to right: Able Cadet David McCandless, Able Cadet Lawrence Severinson and Ordinary Cadet George Adams, all of Port Alberni, and Able Cadet J. Damgaard, Able Cadet R. Wiens and Ldg. Cadet A. Speed, all of Victoria. (R.C.N. Photo)

H.M.C.S. Sault Ste. Marie, headquarters and training ship to Victoria's naval division H.M.C.S. Malahat, returned to her Esquimalt base this morning following a long week-end cruise during which she called at the Bamfield cable station and Port Alberni.

Aboard the ship were naval reservists and sea cadets from R.C.S.C. Rainbow who were joined at Bamfield by sea cadets of the Alberni corps who voyaged down the Alberni Canal aboard

Mv. Uchuk II to rendezvous with the Victoria cadets.

During the stay in Bamfield, ship's company met officials of the station, including H. L. Denton, manager; A. Beck, assistant manager, and H. L. Baxendale, deputy engineer.

Sault Ste. Marie sailed from Bamfield for Port Alberni Sunday afternoon and reached the port early in the evening after taking the Port Alberni cadets out to sea for a short jaunt.

In the evening, ship's officers held a reception for civil officials and officials of the Navy League of Canada branch there.

During the cruise the sea cadets took an active part aboard ship, carrying on with regular seamen's duties, including lookout duty on the bridge.

Full opportunity was given the Victoria youngsters also to have additional instruction which was given by members of H.M.C.S. Malahat.

Canon Askey, Wife Die In Car Crash On Manitoba Road

WINNIPEG (CP)—Canon and Mrs. William Askey were killed Monday night when their automobile was in collision with a

bus, 18 of whose passengers, including the driver, were injured. Police said the bus was heading north and the automobile south at the time of the collision.

An eyewitness said Mrs. Askey was almost instantly killed in the crash and that Canon Askey died shortly afterwards.

Canon Askey, 60, had been rector of All Saints' Anglican Church here for 16 years, and was an army chaplain in both world wars. He had been scheduled to leave for Vancouver Island in September to assume charge of two churches — St. Peter's, Quamichan, and St. Andrew's at Cowichan.

In the First Great War, Canon Askey, a tall, striking figure, accompanied the Canadian Expeditionary Force to Siberia in 1918.

He enlisted at the outbreak of the Second World War and later became senior Protestant chaplain of the 4th Canadian Division.

At the time of his death he was padre of the Army and Navy Veterans, the Amputations Association and the Winnipeg Grenadiers.

He was born in Louth, Lincolnshire, Eng., and stood 6 feet, 4½ inches in height.

There survive him, two sons, Derek, a student at the University of Manitoba, and Alan, studying forestry at the University of New Brunswick. A third son, Michael, was killed during the Second World War while flying with the R.A.F. in Italy.

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Winnipeg	30	62	
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The Pas	36	67	
Regina	49	72	
Saskatoon	57	73	
Prince Albert	37	71	
North Battleford	39	73	
Swift Current	34	71	
Medicine Hat	66	86	
Calgary	56	81	
Edmonton	52	89	01
Kamloops	60	82	
Penticton	61	82	
Vancouver	52	66	
Victoria	46	65	
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A comparative youngster alongside other Canadian cities, Winnipeg nevertheless burst at the seams in civic pride in showing off its wares—past and present—to more than 20,000 visitors.

The parade, termed the biggest and best ever seen in this gateway to the prairies, had just about everything. There were ox-carts, jet planes, floats, bands, clowns, Mounties and Indians. Downtown curbs were lined for miles by spectators hours before the mammoth procession got rolling.

Scores of planes from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the United States droned through the skies overhead.

Senate Committee Urges Unanimous Pact Ratification

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today unanimously urged ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty, in a report declaring it would give the President no new authority to use American troops without congressional consent.

The committee called on the Senate to ratify the anti-aggression treaty because, it said, "one great power" and its satellite states are jeopardizing world peace.

"That power and its fifth columns in other countries," the committee said, "have sought to prevent the establishment of peace."

In view of that, the committee added, the pact is essential.

The committee answered "no" to questions which had been raised by various senators as to whether the pact would give a President any new powers to use American armed might without first asking Congress.

Joe Louis Named In Divorce Suit

CHICAGO (AP)—Joe Louis, former heavyweight boxing champion, today was named correspondent in a divorce suit filed by Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner against his wife, Mattie, 27, a New York model.

The suit charges desertion and adultery. Faulkner, 33, is a former Atlanta, Ga., Baptist minister and army chaplain. He now resides in Chicago. The couple have two children, Matthew Jr.,

Big 4 Meet Seems Headed For Inconclusive Wind-Up

PARIS (UP)—The American,

British and French Foreign Ministers met today to map further western strategy at the Big Four meeting on Germany, which appeared to be staggering toward an inconclusive wind-up.

The Western Ministers conferred at the French Foreign Office shortly before the afternoon meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers, the first non-secret meeting since last Thursday.

Woman Elected Head Christian Scientist

BOSTON (AP)—Miss Emma C. Shipman of Brookline, Mass., Monday was elected president of the Mother Church of the Christian Science Church at the annual meeting of the board of directors.

Several thousand church members attended the annual meeting of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

In an address to the members of the Mother Church, the Christian Science board of directors noted a world-wide stir in human consciousness toward discarding the material for the spiritual.

six, and Oran, four. Faulkner already has a \$500,000 attention of affections suit pending here against Louis.

Te West, along with Andrei Vishinsky of Russia, agreed Monday to abandon secret sessions after proposals on details of the unification of Berlin had been presented by Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Vishinsky.

Nether of the proposals presented Monday was made public. But informed sources said the Soviet paper represented little change in Vishinsky's original insistence on a revived four-power Kommandatura for Berlin, with veto voting rights.

French sources were more pessimistic than at any time since the council opening May 23 over the chances of the four powers reaching any kind of an accord.

Acheson informed Washington that senate committee approval of the Atlantic Pact had strengthened the west here. His message said approval enabled him to refuse any compromise on basic principles.

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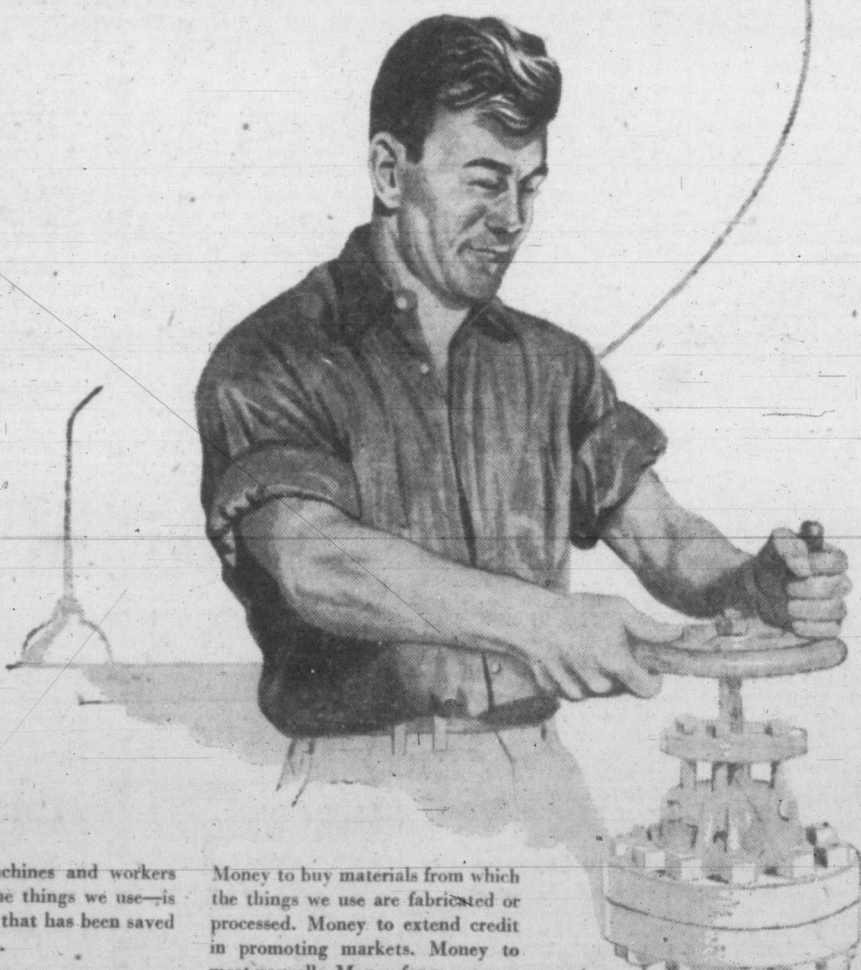
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MEETING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

WHEN VICTORIA COLLEGE MOVED from Craigdarroch to share space with the Normal School at the latter's Mount Tolmie site, it was apparent that additions would be required to the building to meet the growing needs of the two institutions. For that reason the announcement yesterday by Hon. W. T. Straith, Minister of Education, of the acquisition of more property and plans for the construction of extra rooms comes as welcome news to students of Greater Victoria and their parents. The College and the Normal School are both enjoying distinction for the manner in which they prepare their young people for vocations and for higher citizenship. They deserve the consideration indicated in the provisions to be made for them.

The development reflects not only a sound appreciation by the minister and his colleagues of the requirements of a vastly increased local population, but also recognition of the fact that more and more young men and women in this region are planning to pursue higher education at university level. This, of course, necessitates expansion of the physical facilities at Mount Tolmie.

As far as Victoria College is concerned, it was estimated that the peak enrollment would decline to a certain degree as veterans, entitled to assistance in their higher studies, completed the courses open to them at the local institution. Following that reduction in student body, however, indications were that normal growth would take place, overcoming the decrease within a relatively few years. Present trends prove the soundness of such estimates. The decision of the provincial authorities, now announced by Mr. Straith, shows once again the desire of the government to give as great an opportunity for higher education to the youth of this community as can be afforded within the bounds of practicality.

SHOWING PROGRESS

AMONG THE PERIODIC REPORTS which come regularly to Canadian editorial desks, those provided by the information service of the Government of India reveal a continuing story of progress in national undertakings. While it is necessary to keep the picture in focus, to remember that comparisons with many other countries show India to have many vast problems ahead of her before she may claim to have achieved a satisfactory standard of living for her people, it is apparent that much is being done—and done in a spirit of enthusiasm and determination.

We read, for instance, of such projects as the \$75,000,000 plan for construction of additional port facilities at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Cochin. There are reports, too, of studies being carried out under government sponsorship for great irrigation and hydro-electric developments; of progress being made in the provision of homes, schools and health establishments, and in a host of other fields. The need, of course, is still tremendous—the basic problem of food supplies remains a critical one in many areas—but the new-found freedom of the Indians is being put to good use. India made history in bringing about a new concept of Commonwealth membership which will permit the existence of a republic within a monarchic structure. She would appear to be making equally unprecedented advances in other directions as well.

ANOTHER PURGE?

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT, DUE TO THE secrecy which cloaks all Kremlin actions, to determine exactly what goes on inside the strongly-guarded headquarters of Communism. And it is almost as difficult to find out the effects of Kremlin policies when they are applied to the country at large. Items published by the Soviet radio and press, reports brought out by returning western diplomats, stories related by residents escaping from behind the "iron curtain"—such are the sources available. None of the facts so obtained is guaranteed to be complete. We must assess them and form our judgments as best we can.

At the present time there is no actual proof that a political purge has been taking place in the Soviet Union, but Mr. C. L. Sulzberger of the New York Times has assembled some interesting items pointing to the possibility of such an occurrence. Since he is a man whose standing as a factual reporter is high among the members of his craft, the evidence he submits commands careful attention. The writer recalls the death of Andrei Zhdanov last August at the age of 52, and the rumors still current that he died not of heart failure, as announced, but by order of those who wished him removed. Prior to his demise, Zhdanov had fallen from Stalin's favor and was said to have been replaced by Georgi Malenkov. However, the significant development, according to Mr. Sulzberger, is that additional "disappearances" from the Soviet political scene include such figures as N. A. Voznesensky, a former Politburo member,

P. S. Popkov, member of the Soviet Presidium, Y. A. Zhdanov, son of the late Politburo chief, and other ranking officials who were close to him. These events plus the reported expulsion of 300,000 members from the Communist Party, says the New York Times writer, add up to the existence of a major purge.

It is easy to cite supporting "evidence," difficult to provide proof. Many recent actions by the Russian government would find explanation against such a background. The recall of Mr. Molotov from foreign service to important duties in Moscow, the apparent changes in Soviet policy in regard to Europe and certain phases of the "cold war," the estrangement of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, and other internal and domestic events, could find a place in such a theory. If a purge is in progress it is not the first to take place in the Soviet Union and it probably will not be the last.

The dominant fact remains that totalitarianism is not a natural environment for man; slavish obedience to the state is foreign to that inherent spark that sets mankind apart from the work horse and the dog. He may suffer such oppression for a time, but instinctive antagonism remains below the surface, to break out at any likely opportunity. Thus it is that there are continual "breaks" in the party line, which some day may culminate in a revolution against the revolution.

THE EXPANDED VOTERS' LIST

ONE ITEM OF NEWS WHICH SHOULD attract the careful attention of the people of British Columbia is that the provincial list of voters that will be operative on June 15 contains no fewer than 649,264 names of persons entitled to cast ballots for the election of a new Legislature. This total represents a gain of 173,042 electors in comparison with the list used in the general contest in the fall of 1945.

This large increase is particularly important, of course, because it reveals new evidence of the striking growth of the province's population in less than four years. But it is safe to say that campaign managers and the leaders of the various parties appealing for votes on Wednesday of next week are wondering how the additional 173,042 ballots may be marked in the polling booths. It is obviously a point upon which the prognosticators will speculate profusely. Some will profess to know the answers. They can go only by superficial observations—which are seldom reliable.

This leads us to suggest to all those who want to preserve the present system of Coalition administration in this province—those who have taken the trouble to consider the economic and social dangers inherent in government by Socialist "planners"—that they regard the expanded voters' list as a clarion call for their action at the polls to demonstrate to their many friends among the newcomers their lively interest in public affairs in general. But they will be foolish to suppose that because provincial Liberals and provincial Progressive Conservatives are offering a more or less solid front in opposition to the standard-bearers of the C.C.F., no special exertion will be needed on their part. Their apathy on June 15 might well result in turning the affairs of this great and wealthy province over to the exponents of leftist experimentation.

It is not easy for the most imaginative to dig up new arguments to try to impress upon adult and intelligent citizens the gravity of the responsibility they ignore when they fail to exercise their dearly-won franchise. Every elector whose name is on the voters' list who does not go to the polls and mark a ballot, whether he or she realizes it or not, makes it easier for the regimentarians to cultivate the political soil for their particular seed. And regardless of the advent of candidates who have no hope of winning a seat—these are the vote-splitters—the real fight on June 15 is between the supporters of the Johnson-Anscomb Coalition and the followers of the Winch-Gargrave brand of Socialism.

INTO UNIFORM

THE REPORTED EAGERNESS OF MANY women to join the reserve army—a laudable and highly understandable attitude in wartime—is not so easily explained in the relatively peaceful period in which we now live. We are told that enquiries have poured in to local Reserve Anti-Aircraft units, prompted by a suggestion that recruitment of women for such groups was being considered by Ottawa authorities. And it would seem that a large number of women await only the opportunity to don khaki and take a place in the defensive forces of the Dominion.

The question arises whether these prospective candidates are women who have already served in the active wartime services and who long for another taste of the life which now is dimming in the mists of history, or the daughters or younger relatives of such women who, primed with lore of mother or aunt at war, now seek to emulate their praiseworthy performance.

The fighting services are not a natural environment for women. We as a nation have long regarded with uneasiness those European countries which made a peacetime habit of recruiting women and a wartime practice of placing them in the firing line. At the more praiseworthy, therefore, was the emergency response of Canadian womanhood in the recent conflict, for they had no "warrior tradition" to follow. In all branches of the service they earned the gratitude of their countrymen and the praise of their brothers in arms. It seems not unexpected, then, that they should seek to prepare themselves in peacetime for what they conceivably might have to do again in war. It is all very logical and understandable. But it somehow does not seem quite right.

Matter Of Fact

By JOSEPH ALSOP, From Washington

THE B-36 MESS

UNTIL THE investigation that Secretary of the Air Force Stuart Symington has forthrightly demanded, no one should pass final judgment on the B-36 mess. Nevertheless, there are several facts that deserve to be reported, if only because hard facts tend to bring everyone's temperature down.

In the first place, Generals Vandenberg, Norstad and McNamery and Under-Secretary of the Air Force Arthur Barrows all concurred in the air force's choice of the B-36 as its main strategic bomber. It is very difficult indeed to imagine all four of these men being jointly influenced by Secretary of Air Symington's acknowledged friendship with Floyd Odium, or by Odium's campaign contributions, or by Secretary of Defence Louis Johnson's close connection with Odium's Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, which makes the B-36.

IN SHORT, the judgment of these men creates a presumption in favor of the plane they chose. There is, however, one proviso. The B-36 may be the aircraft that best meets the specifications they set up for a strategic bomber. But did they set up the correct specifications?

Range—inter-continental range—is, after all, the primary characteristic of the B-36. And no matter how superior its other characteristics may be, some sacrifices must have been made in order to build into the B-36 the capability of flying such great distances. The B-36 may be said, in one sense, to be the only strategic bomber in the world today, because it is the only bomber with intercontinental range.

ON THE OTHER hand, present American strategy, as officially agreed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is very definitely not keyed to the war between the continents. One of its basic assumptions is that if war comes, the United States will have allies, and therefore bases, overseas. To insure this, is the purpose of the Atlantic pact. Even the Air Force admits that an intercontinental war would be a hopeless war.

Therefore the question arises whether it would not have been wiser to make the specifications for strategic bombers less ambitious, and to order a smaller bomber than the B-36 which could do a better job from overseas bases. The Air Force has, in a sense, acknowledged this problem by retaining its contract for one such plane. This is the promising Boeing Turbojet B-47, which is faster than the B-36 and can go where it needs to go from almost any base across the Atlantic.

THE SECOND question is whether the B-36 is correctly related to the whole U.S. weapons system. And this question covers much more ground than the question argued to date, whether the big bomber can or cannot be successfully attacked by the Navy's new fighter. There is, for instance, the question whether guided missiles will or will not be available in the near future to intercept attacking bombers. If available and efficient, they will certainly affect the usefulness of bombers like the B-36.

Then too, there is the question whether Air Force planning is not becoming too bomber-minded, all over again. Before the last war, the incredible Major-General Clayton L. Bissell taught at the Air Corps Tactical School that the old B-17 was invulnerable to attack, unless a fighter flew above it and dropped a ball and chain arrangement to its propeller. There is no such silly nonsense today, but fighter officers are beginning to mutter that the old bias in the air force high command is beginning to assert itself once more.

EVERY SERVICE has these problems. There is only one solution for them—sound, unsensational, non-partisan weapons evaluation. As previous experience has shown, there is little value in over-dramatized "tests" conducted by the services themselves, since they are always parties at interest. The Joint Chiefs of Staff were wise to reject such a "test" of the B-36. But a completely non-partisan group, with the precise function of finding out the truth about this sort of problem, has now been added to the defence establishment. This is the Joint Research and Development Board.

Furthermore, one of the late James Forrestal's most important acts as Defence Secretary was to set up, within the J.R.D.B., a Weapons System Evaluation Group. The authority of the Weapons System Evaluation Group is indicated by the presence at its head of General John E. Hull, the war time planner who conducted the Eniwetok test of the atomic bomb.

THERE IS NO REASON why this group could not plan and direct a wholly impartial, absolutely scientific, finally decisive test of the B-36, or indeed of any other weapon. Indeed, there is every reason why each major American weapon, land, sea and air, should be put through its paces by this impartial authority before large contracts are let. Then Americans would know where they stand, with no room for the kind of controversy which the Navy has started, for purely partisan reasons, about the B-36.

One other reform is also indicated. No contracts and no appointments, however worthy they may be, can be wholly free from suspicion as long as there is political money in the background. The pernicious system of collecting political contributions in return for place or favor should be abandoned forthwith.

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The great problem which humanity is always trying to solve is how to protect itself against aggression. The spirit of aggression is, unfortunately, not yet dead.—British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

'June Is Bustin' Out All Over'



As Our Readers See It

AN APPRECIATION

Will you kindly express through the medium of your paper, my thanks to the ladies of the St. John's Ambulance Corps, the city police officers and other kind friends who assisted me while indisposed during the parade time on May 24.

FRANK HALL,
355 Arnot Street.

POINTED REMINDERS

Might I comment through your paper upon the "stressed" points brought forth by Messrs. Drew and Cameron at the Royal Theatre meeting last Monday week when "Canadians" were asked to go home and think with truth upon what had been said? Admittedly, it was understandable that our gallant soldier and gentleman, Maj. - Gen. Peakes, should bring Mr. and Mrs. Drew through the port of Nanaimo via his riding to Victoria. Nevertheless, would it not have been a prouder thing to bring them to the "Front" door following Royal precedent, there to pay tacit and courteous recognition of their political host, Victoria's representative of our recently-dissolved Parliament?

Mr. Cameron asked "why" the Dominion government didn't do something about Victoria's new post office in 1938. The answer would seem to be: One doesn't play "post-office" when danger impends, threatening destruction to an entire nation! All Canadians were aware of the international "unrest" as from 1933 at least.

Mr. Drew predicted thousands of Liberals would vote Conservative to implement "Liberal" principles. Paradoxically, this implies that Conservatives will vote Liberal. This was news! He advocated "opportunism" rather than "crutches" for young Canadians knowing that Unemployment Insurance (saved by Canadians for themselves) has effectively destroyed "crutch" factories as its commission has also.

World-Shaking Heel

New York Times

No way out of it, how can an honest baseball fan settle down to the more serious things while Joe DiMaggio is down at an ailing heel? This is the most famous heel since Archilles'—this is the heel that launched a thousand sighs in the bleachers and raised the toppling hopes of the opposition. For the want of this heel, the pennant may be lost. Certainly, for the want of this heel—and the authoritative bat that goes with it—the thrill of a hundred dramatic base hits has been lost.

For once, spring training ended differently this year. Nobody cared too much why or how each manager prophesied the winning of the pennant. The big question was—how is the heel?

wiped out patronage and the "begging for jobs" once existent in Canada.

"Opportunity," of course, has always been the free right of every Canadian.

Mr. Drew also spoke feelingly of the "long-haired boys in ivory towers" who run Canada. Didn't he occupy one of these towers during the Dominion-Provincial Relations Conference? Newfoundland has answered this!

KATHLEEN M. W. LAKE,
901 Victoria Avenue.

ANY OFFERS?

One of the finest of the many cheerful and courageous members of the White Cane Club, which is sponsored by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, is a young lad who has been completely blind for several years, and in addition to this terrible handicap, he is so afflicted with arthritis that he must spend his days in bed, or lying on a wheel chair. He is unable to walk.

One of his greatest delights is to be able to attend the meeting of the White Cane Club which takes place at Prince Robert House every Wednesday afternoon from 2:15 to 4:15. These meetings which are now regularly attended by approximately 60 members, are arranged so that blind people may meet others in the same position, and there is always a program arranged with the object of giving these people, as it were, a little ray of sunshine in an otherwise darkened world.

The purpose of this letter which I have been requested to write by the members, is to hope that it may be read by some man or woman, who perhaps has two or three hours to spare each Wednesday, and who would wheel him in his chair from the Mount St. Mary Hospital to the meetings, and wheel him back about 4:15 and in so doing give this boy the great joy that he looks forward to each week.

If anyone will write or phone me, Beacon 5049, I shall be glad to give fullest details.

ERIC BRETTELL,
330 Beach Drive.

THOSE WHEAT CONTRACTS

The Royal Commission on Prices Report suggested that the food contracts with Britain helped to keep the whole Canadian price structure at a low level during the postwar period. Many people, including some not generally interested in the farmer's welfare, deplore the loss of millions of dollars by the farmers in selling our wheat under the world price.

Supposing the price had been allowed to rise another \$1.25 to the U.S. peak, the farmer would have benefitted some, but wouldn't the speculators have received much of the initial gain? And Canadian wages would have been driven closer to

the higher U.S. level. The tremendous postwar expansion of industry, hydro electric extensions, new homes, etc., would have cost more, adding overhead charges that could not be reduced with falling farm prices—which everybody considered inevitable. And as for industrial labor and freight rates keeping pace with declining farm income, well, I wonder?

I think farmers who still have to work for a living should consider themselves very fortunate and be thankful for those contracts. They received good prices for their produce in relation to the rest of our economy, and there was virtue in keeping down the cost of living in Canada and in treating Britons (our first line defenders) as ourselves. There'll always be an England and we'll always need a market for our wheat.

JOHN W. GILBERT
Hanover, Ont.

ALL SHOULD VOTE

This is written to those men and women who are against living under a Socialist government, yet allow any trivial reason to prevent their casting their votes on polling day. Some boast that they refuse to take any part in politics and therefore do not vote. Some just don't bother.

If the Coalition is defeated by the C.C.F. on June 15, it will be only because such anti-Socialists have not cast their votes or because they vote for the vote-splitting other candidates.

They may be sure every C.C.F. supporter and all who support widemat vote-splitter candidates, will vote if humanly possible.

So I urge all who hitherto have not taken the power of the franchise seriously to vote on the 15th.

Remember, the total returns are made up of individual votes. They should adopt the slogan, "It can all depend on me." (Mrs.) ALICE COLCLOUGH,
View Royal.

Honest Welcome

Calgary Herald

Some Americans regard Canadians—especially eastern Canadians—as dour and unhumorous. We know that they are confusing an outward expression with an attitude of mind; nevertheless, so long as we think it important that Americans should travel as widely as possible in Canada—and this can scarcely be disputed—it is up to us to cure them of their misconception.

We can welcome them without losing our dignity or our independence. In so doing, we shall be preserving a reputation which we rightly cherish. And since the tourist business has become an important export, we shall be helping ourselves as well.



By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Associated Press News Analyst

MOSCOW at long last apparently is getting set to take a major hand in the development of a China that rapidly is coming under control of the Chinese Communist armies sweeping down from the north.

Thus far the Russians have maintained a studied, hands-off attitude. Now, however, a responsible east European diplomat in Paris says Deputy Premier Molotov of Russia has been placed in charge of Russia's policies in the Orient. This information predicts an early shift in Moscow's attitude of "aloofness" towards the Chinese Reds.

Molotov's appointment in itself would lend support to this forecast, for he is Stalin's right hand. As a matter of fact, observers have been expecting just such a development in Russian policy towards China. The time has come to start organizing that vast country as the keystone of Red influence in the Orient.

COOL AT FIRST

Heretofore Russia has played a very cautious game. She brought Manchuria within her sphere of influence, and then seemed to be most punctilious in her relations with Mao Tse-tung, the hardboiled and efficient leader of the Chinese Communists.

Moscow's caution may have been due largely to the fact that Mao is a powerful leader and has exhibited nationalist tendencies which don't fit in with Russia's edict that the sovereignty of Communist countries must rest with her. In short, there has been much speculation abroad whether Mao was developing into another Yugoslav Tito who would refuse to recognize Moscow's supremacy.

Whether this does indeed represent Mao's attitude remains to be seen. He is a good deal of an enigma.

REAL PROBLEM

In any event, it will take a Molotov to iron out the wrinkles. Naturally one would expect the Soviet to proceed with studied diplomacy in dealing with a tough leader like Mao. It will be surprising if the Russian program isn't one of tempered advice and material assistance which will bring China into the Soviet fold gradually.



PUREBRED CATTLE

Windsor Star

One of the most spectacular achievements of Canadian agriculture during these past few decades has been the development of high class cattle herds. Not so many years ago almost all the good breeding stock had to be imported from Europe. Now Canada is a source of such stock, and is selling cattle to many parts of the world.

A RESPIRE FOR MOOSE

Ottawa Citizen

The Ontario government is to be congratulated on ordering a closed season on moose this year. This restriction on hunting is in the real interest of wild life conservation. Whatever the temporary loss in tourist revenue because of the ban, the action is wise. In the long run even the tourist business will benefit. For if moose were to be virtually exterminated in Ontario, this province would lose much of its appeal to hunters from the United States.

THE EXCEPTION

The Times of London

One of the traits which distinguish Londoners from the denizens of other large British cities is that they do not seem to mind at all if strangers say unkind things about London. In the Mancunian or the Glaswegian, the dweller in Liverpool or in Leeds, local patriotism is always on the simmer, ready to boil over into wrath if some visitor speaks slightly of the municipal amenities. The Londoner couldn't care less. Criticize his restaurants, denigrate his statues, ridicule his parking arrangements, or taunt him with the Albert Memorial and you will not see him stiffen as his hand flies to his hip and the words "When you say that, smile!" force themselves past his clenched teeth. He is, indeed, as likely to agree with you as not, and even if he does not accept your criticism as valid it does not annoy him; it seems to him mildly amusing, and he finds it typical of the huge, diverse city in which he lives—so ugly and so beautiful, so muddled and so efficient, so rude and so courteous—that the criticisms of it should be of uneven quality.

St. Laurent Speaks In Quebec; Brandon Voters Hear Drew

By CANADIAN PRESS
STAFF WRITER

A warning that the international situation will remain dangerous because Communist strategy "never changes" emerged Monday night from the campaign for Canada's June 27 general election.

It came from External Affairs Minister Pearson, the career diplomat who entered the cabinet last fall, as he addressed a campaign meeting in Montreal. He said the way the Communists have opposed the Atlantic Security Pact indicates its value.

As the country-wide campaign, now in full swing, moved into its fifth week, Prime Minister St. Laurent returned to his home riding of Quebec East and told his constituents that Progressive Conservative proposals to devalue the Canadian dollar would bring "chaos" to Canada within a year.

ANSWERS QUESTIONS

He wound up his address with a question-and-answer exchange with the crowd and was cheered as he asked them if they favored such measures as family allowances, an old age pension increase, health grants and an autonomous Canadian nation.

The Prime Minister said the unemployment insurance system had been created through agreement with the provinces achieved without interfering with their autonomy.

He said there were other social measures which "should be put into effect" after an understanding with the provinces has been reached.

When a French-speaking member of the audience shouted "the devil take the British Empire" at Mr. St. Laurent's Quebec East meeting, the Prime Minister retorted amid cheers that statements of that kind should not be made against a country which is helping to resist threats against the democratic way of life.

Another member of the audience asked what the government would do about a distinctive Canadian flag. Mr. St. Laurent said one would be adopted "as soon as we can pick a design that will create union rather than disunion."

QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP

Mr. St. Laurent said a campaign rumor was that he had taken over the leadership of the Liberal Party to maintain it in power and when the election was over he would turn over the leadership to External Affairs Minister Pearson.

He said "Mike Pearson" was an "admirable man" and no colleague was "more loyal." Because of his qualities Mr. Pearson could aspire to the Prime Ministership one day.

"But at the convention last August, it was Louis St. Laurent who was chosen," Mr. St. Laurent declared. "If the electors are willing, it is Louis St. Laurent who will be Prime Minister after June 27."

DREW AT BRANDON

George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, hammered again at the government's trade policies in a speech at Brandon, Man.

Mr. Drew, on his way back to eastern Canada from the west coast, said that "no amount of pretence" by Trade Minister Howe could conceal the fact Canada is losing her overseas markets. Canada's trade with the United Kingdom dropped \$67,000,000 in the first quarter of this

year and still was declining rapidly.

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, moved deeper into his western campaign with an address at Moose Jaw, Sask.

He attacked the government's trading practices. He said Canada will have to go into bilateral trading deals and bulk-state trading if she wants to retain her markets. She would have to adopt the practices of Britain and other dollar-deficient western European countries.

ABBOTT SPEAKS

Finance Minister Abbott, visiting the new province of Newfoundland, said at Grand Falls that Liberal financial policies mainly are responsible for Canada's continued prosperity.

Premier Douglas of Saskatchewan, campaigning in Ontario in support of the national C.C.F. Party, told a meeting at Oshawa that he believes Canada is drifting into depression. The government had called the election because it "saw the roof of its Liberal structure caving in."

LONDON (CP)—Walters in white jackets and pinstripe trousers now serve lunch to nurses at St. Olav's Hospital. The "good class hotel" atmosphere was the first stage of a national "new deal" promised nurses.

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Mr. Arthur Ash

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Living Standard Said Highest Under Free Enterprise

Alderman R. K. Gervin of Vancouver, secretary-treasurer of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council, told a Coalition election rally here Monday night the free enterprise system yielded the highest standard of living and the greatest social security.

Speaking in the Knights of Pythias Hall in support of the three Victoria Coalition candidates, Mr. Gervin said Canada and the United States had a higher standard of living than any country under socialism, and that the American Federation of Labor, representing 8,000,000 workers in Canada and the United States, was one of the most powerful defenders of the free enterprise system.

Mr. Gervin noted that the 1948 C.C.F. provincial convention had gone on record opposing the Atlantic Pact and as a result had been officially praised in Russia

by the Soviet newspaper Pravda. Reporting that taxation in New Zealand under a socialistic government was 53 per cent higher than in Canada, he said nationalization of industry did not make everybody rich, as advocates of socialism maintained. Socialism, he said, presented a confused picture of mismanagement, mounting labor costs and rising debts. Saskatchewan since 1944, he added, presented a clear picture of inefficiency and the high cost of socialization.

COULD PAY DOUBLE

"If private industry had the advantages of government industry," he said, referring to undertakings of the Saskatchewan government, "it could pay twice the wages."

He said that the Saskatchewan government was running out of money and the cost of its socialism to date had been borne by the postwar boom in wheat.

Socialism, he continued, has failed to prove in practice that it could support a high standard of living.

Socialism has nothing in common with trade unionism, it merely wants to use the trade unions, he said.

C.C.F. Candidate Pledges To Bring Salaries In Line

A pledge to work toward bringing rural and urban teachers' salaries in line was given Monday night by Mrs. Pat Luchinsky, C.C.F. candidate in Oak Bay, speaking in the Scout Hall, Cadboro Bay.

Mrs. Luchinsky said that the C.C.F. in establishing its educational program would promote junior colleges at various centres to correlate the technical, agricultural, commercial and cultural courses with the educational system.

"Realizing that knowledge and education are essential in the creation of better human beings and a better human society, and that only with knowledge can a country maintain its freedom to govern in a democratic manner, a C.C.F. government stands for

free education for every child and adults according to his ability and desire," she said.

Mrs. May Campbell, C.C.F. Victoria candidate, speaking in support of Mrs. Luchinsky, pledged that civil servants now

employed would retain their positions, regardless of their political affiliations, under a C.C.F. government. The only stipulation, she said, was that they be efficient in their duties.

Mrs. Campbell said the C.C.F. would establish a moderate scale

public enterprise in the logging industry as a check on costs and to supply lumber for some home building.

"This enterprise," she said, "would show the ability of this natural resource to make a fair return to the treasury."

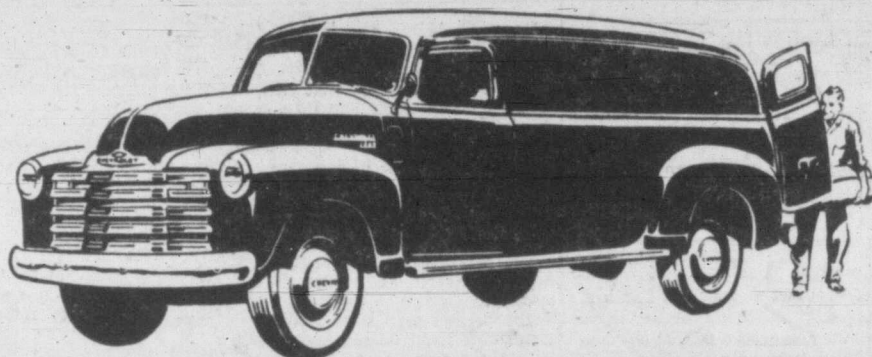
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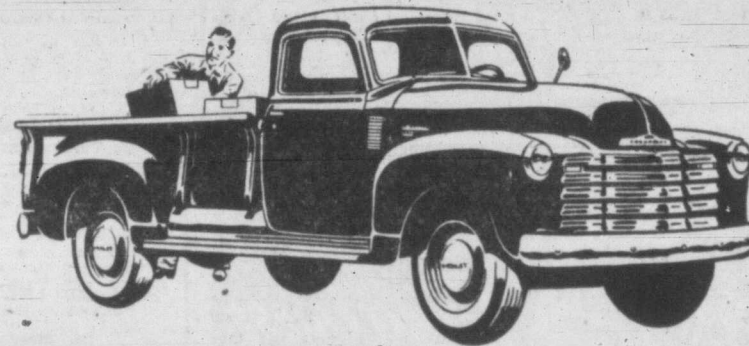
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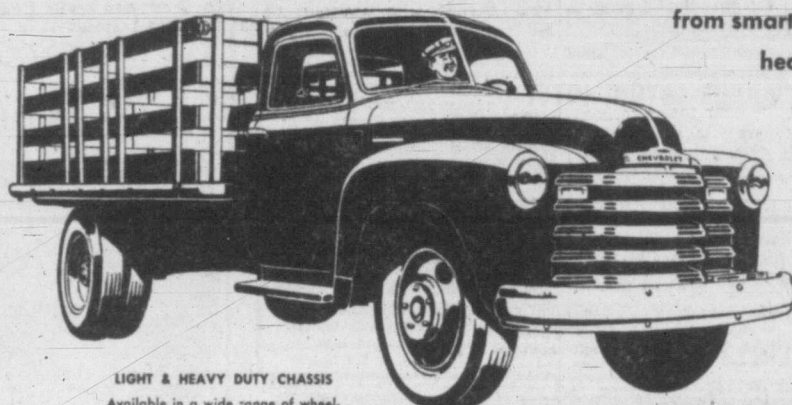
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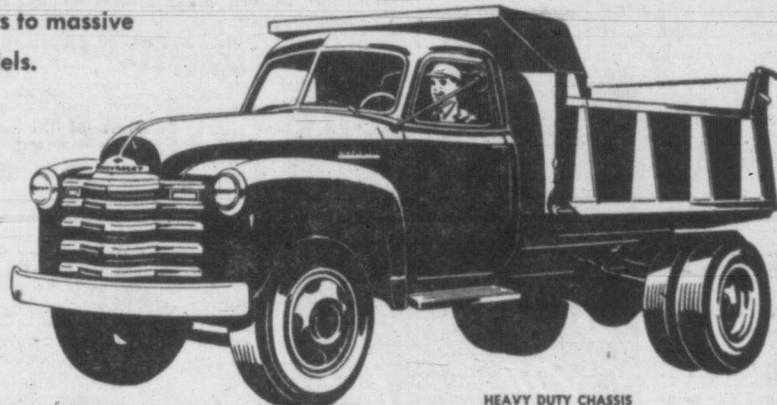
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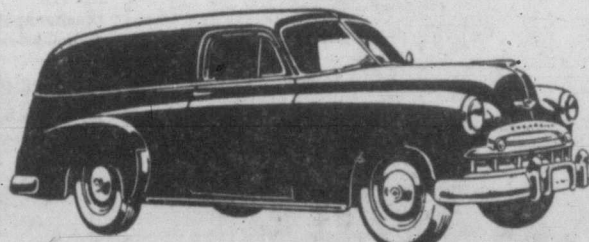


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